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DEFENSE FOR OUSA, CSA, OASD/ISA AND OASD/PA

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UK, MPOL, NATO
SUBJECT: TANK GUN ANNOUNCEMENT

1. THUS FAR THE QUALITY NEWSPAPERS HAVE TREATED THE
31 JANUARY TANK GUN DECISION FACTUALLY AND THE MATTER
HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY PARTICULAR PROMINENCE. THE
GUARDIAN, UNDER A REUTER WASHINGTON BYLINE, NOTES THAT
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ALEXANDER MADE THE POINT THAT
RECENT TESTS "SHOWED THE GERMAN SMOOTH-BORE GUN WAS
LARGELY SIMILAR IN PERFORMANCE AND POTENTIAL TO A
BRITISH RIFLED-BORE L20MM GUN."

2. MULLEY'S AND GILBERT'S OFFICES HAVE ASKED IF WE
COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH VERBATIM TEXT OF REMARKS MADE
AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY THOSE REMARKS
WHICH TOUCHED ON POINTS RAISED BY GILBERT IN CONTEXT
OF DISCUSSION REPORTED IN LONDON 1696 (NOTAL).

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